

SENATE WATCH

A summary of today's Senate actions; published daily when the Senate is in session.

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FINAL PASSAGE

SB 79 (McManus)

SB 79 would: 1) Allow a county to charge a per-household waste reduction surcharge of up to \$4 per month or \$50 per year if it were approved by the voters of a participating unit of government. 2) Permit a county to impose the voter-approved surcharge on commercial businesses. 3) Permit the collection of the approved surcharge through any reasonable billing method approved by the county.

Currently, by resolution, a county board of commissioners may impose a per-household surcharge on households within the county of up to \$2 per month, or \$25 per year, for waste reduction programs and for the collection of consumer source separated materials for recycling or composting. (The consumer source separated materials include, but are not limited to, recyclable materials, household hazardous wastes, tires, batteries, and yard clippings.)

Support: MMA, MTA, MAC, DEQ.

- Birkholz 1 (1 amend) was adopted [no RC].
- SB 79 passed [RC 57: 38 yes, 0 no].

THIRD READING

SB 199 (Gilbert)

SB 199 would allow restaurants licensed to sell wine on the premises could allow an individual to remove from the premises a partially consumed bottle of wine that he or she had purchased with a meal. The person would have to reinsert the cork so that the top of it was level with the lip of the bottle.

- Committee 1 (S-2) was adopted.
- Gilbert 1A (1 amend) was adopted.
- SB 199 was moved to 3rd Reading.

SB 282 (Gilbert)

SB 282 would create general permits for activities with minimal risks of adverse impacts on the waters of the state, including: landscaping, minor household maintenance, minor soil stabilization, seawall maintenance. The bill also makes certain landscaping and gardening activities completely exempt from permits.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was defeated.
- Gilbert 2 (S-2) was adopted.
- SB 282 was moved to 3rd Reading.

SB 286 (Cropsey)

SB 286 would require online dating services to disclose whether or not it had conducted criminal background checks on its members.

- Committee 1 (S-2) was adopted.
- Cropsey 1A (2 amends) was adopted.
- Cropsey 1B (1 amend) was adopted.
- JACOBS 1C (2 amends) was defeated.
- Garcia 1D (2 amends) was adopted.
- CHERRY 1E (1 amend) was adopted.
- BRATER 1F (1 amend) was defeated.
- SCHAUER 1G (1 amend) was defeated.
- SCHAUER 1H (1 amend) was defeated.
- SCHAUER 1I (1 amend) was defeated.
- JACOBS 1J (2 amends) was withdrawn.
- Bishop 1K was defeated.
- SB 286 was moved to 3rd Reading.